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King County Community Organizing Program Board Meeting Summary May 26, 2009

Board Members present: Liz Wilhelm, Kitsap County Health District, DFC Grant Coordinator, Chair; Mark Howard, City of Seattle Police Department, Co Chair; Deanna Briese, Tacoma Public Schools, Kim Walker, Maple Valley Drug Free Communities, Judy Manchester, City of Kirkland; Celia Arriaga, Seattle Public Schools; and Kim Beeson, Puget Sound ESD.

Staff Members Present: Laura Edwards, Program Manager; Cheryl Hanson, Laura Quinn and Stefanie Fox, Community Organizers.

Honored Guest: Jackie MacLean, Director, King County Department of Community and Human Services.

- **OPENING AND UPDATES**

Stefani Fox, Seattle Community Organizer, facilitated the discussion opening, raising the question, **"In this economic and cultural climate, where do you see inspiring collaborations occurring?"**

- **Jackie MacLean, Director:**

Jackie plans to attend all of the citizen Advisory Boards that are within the Department of Community and Human Services. Today she joined us at our COP Board and Staff meeting. She gave the Board an update on the County budget, both where cuts are being made and where the opportunities are. She especially mentioned that Summer Youth Employment has returned and is being managed by Work Source Renton.

- **PROGRAM: REEL GRRLS Media Production Project**

Maile Martinez, Reel Grrls Program Manager, presented the Reel Grrls media production for young women program. The Community Organizing Program has supported this effort with mini grant funding and a special transportation fund so that young women from Snoqualmie Valley can participate at the Reel Grrls in Seattle.

- **ORGANIZER REPORTS:**

Greater Seattle: Stefanie Fox, Organizer

Stefanie reported on her work with the Community Enhancement project in Skyway, specifically she discussed efforts to bring Clean Dreams, a pre-arrest diversion program that's been highly successful in other parts of King County, into the area. Stefanie also mentioned the work she's been doing with a youth intern from American Friends Service Committee to convene a coalition of LGBT service providers in the Seattle area.

- **BOARD BUSINESS**

Legislative Updates:

Liz gave an update on the issues that Washington Association of Substance Abuse and Violence Prevention (WASAVP) are watching at the State level.

Program Updates:

Laura reported that she attended a meeting with other Community Mobilization Contractors to discuss possible options for Community Mobilization if it needs to move to another State Department.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, May 26th, 2009 at WSU King County Extension
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
200 Mill Avenue South
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